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Community Plan: Hollywood
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Dear William,

Please see attachment.

For further information please contact Tribal Chairman Mr. Salas.

Sincerely,

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GABRIELEÑO BAND OF MISSION INDIANS - KIZH NATION

Historically known as The San Gabriel Band of Mission Indians
 recognized by the State of California as the aboriginal tribe of the Los Angeles basin

AB 52 - 30-day Consultation Notice

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Dear William Lamborn,

February 22, 2017

Please find this letter in response to your request for consultation dated February 14, 2017. I have reviewed the project site and do have concerns for cultural resources. Your project lies in an area where the Ancestral territories of the Kizh (Kitc) Gabrieleño's prominent villages adjoined and overlapped with each other, at least during the Late Prehistoric and Protohistoric Periods. The Kizh Gabrieleño were probably the most influential Native American group in aboriginal southern California (Bean and Smith 1978a:538; <https://nrmsecure.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=9497>). Our homeland was centered in the Los Angeles Basin, and reached as far east as the San Bernardino-Riverside area. The homeland of our neighbors, the Serranos, was primarily the San Bernardino Mountains, including the slopes and lowlands on the north and south flanks. Whatever the linguistic affiliation, Native Americans in and around the project area exhibited similar organization and resource procurement strategies. Villages were based on clan or lineage groups. Their home base sites are marked by midden deposits often with bedrock mortars. During their seasonal rounds to exploit plant resources, small groups would migrate within their traditional territory in search of specific plants and animals. Their gathering strategies of ten left behind signs of special use sites, usually grinding slicks on bedrock boulders, at the locations of the resources.

Due to the project location and the high sensitivity of the area location, we would like to request one of our certified Native American monitors to be on site during any and all ground disturbances (including but not limited to pavement removal, post holing, auguring, boring, grading, excavation and trenching) to protect any cultural resources which may be affected during construction or development. When the Native American Heritage Commission states there are "no records of sacred sites in the project area," they will always refer lead agencies to the respective Native American Tribe. The NAHC is only aware of general information and are not the experts on each California Tribe. Our Elder Committee & Tribal Historians are the experts for our Tribe and are able to provide a more complete history (both written and oral) regarding the location of historic villages, trade routes, cemeteries and sacred/religious sites in the project area. In some instances, the project location may be in an area that has been previously developed and one may question the need for monitoring. Unfortunately, we have numerous examples that we can share where cultural resources including human remains were outright destroyed or at least significantly impacted before a Tribe was present. Please note, if sacred sites haven't been listed with the NAHC, it doesn't mean that they aren't there. Not everyone reports what they know.

The recent implementation of AB52 dictates that lead agencies consult with Native American Tribes who can prove and document traditional and cultural affiliation with the area of said project. Our tribe is connected ancestrally to your project location area. What does "ancestrally" or "ancestral" mean? It simply means the people who were in your family in past times - of, belonging to, inherited from, or denoting an ancestor or ancestors (see <http://www.thefreedictionary.com/ancestral>). Our main priority is to avoid and protect cultural and biological resources that still exist in our ancestral land for the benefit and education of future generations. We hold strongly to the values of accomplishing this goal without delay or conflicts to the lead agency and project manager.

At your convenience, we are available for consultations via phone or in person. Thank you.

CC: NAHC

With respect,

Andrew Salas, Chairman

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